

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 and 8-14 have been amended. Claims 1-14 are pending in this application.

The Examiner stated that Figure 1 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art--. In response, Applicant herewith submits a Request for Approval of Drawing Changes with amended Figure 1 designated by a legend --Prior Art--. Applicant submits that Figure 1 is now in proper form. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

The drawings stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). In response, Applicant has amended the claims such that the "input data processing means" has been deleted from the claims. Accordingly, Applicant submits that this objection to the drawings is deemed moot.

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In response, Applicant has thoroughly reviewed and amended claims 1-6 and 8-14 in view of the Examiner's detailed comments and submits that the claims are now clear and definite.

Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 1-14 are now in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is noted.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-14 are now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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